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1. Troop strength of the 21 military districts of the USSR:

Arkhangel MD

Headquarters: Arkhangel
Commander: Lt. Gen. Shcherbakov (April 1948)
1 corps
1 division

White Sea MD

Headquarters: Petrozavodsk
Commander: Col. Gen. Shumilov
1 army
1 corps
6-7 divisions

Leningrad MD

Headquarters: Leningrad
Commander: Col. Gen. D. N. Gusev
1 army
1 corps
9-10 divisions

Baltic MD

Headquarters: Riga
Commander: Army Gen. I. Kh. Bagramyan
2 armies
4 corps
9-10 divisions

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Belorussian MD

Headquarters: Minsk
Commander: Col. Gen. S. G. Trofimenko
1 army
2 corps
8-9 divisions

Carpathian MD

Headquarters: Lvov
Commander: Col. Gen. K. Galitski
1 army
3 corps
8-9 divisions

Odessa MD

Headquarters: Odessa
Commander: Col. Gen. M. Pukhov (June 1949)
1 army
2 corps
6 divisions

Tauric MD

Headquarters: Simferopol
Commander: Col. Gen. Popov
1 corps
2 divisions

Kiev MD

Headquarters: Kiev
Commander: Col. Gen. A. A. Grechko
1 army
2 corps
9-10 divisions

Moscow MD

Headquarters: Moscow
Commander: Marshal K. Meretskov
1 army
3 corps
8-9 divisions

Transcaucasus MD

Headquarters: Tbilisi
Commander: Army Gen. Kurasov*
3 armies
17-18 divisions

North Caucasus MD

Headquarters: Rostov
Commander: Col. Gen. Belov or Col. Gen. Romanovski
1 corps
4-5 divisions

Volga MD

Headquarters: Knibyshev
Commander: Col. Gen. Yuchkevich
1 corps
4-5 divisions

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Turkestan MD

Headquarters: Tashkent
Commander: Army Gen. Petrov
1 army
2 corps
4-5 divisions

South Ural MD

Headquarters: Chkalov
1 corps
2 divisions

Ural MD

Headquarters: Sverdlovsk
Commander: Col. Gen. F. I. Kuznetsov
1 corps
2 divisions

West Siberian MD

Headquarters: Novosibirsk
Commander: Army Gen. Yerezenko
1 corps
3 divisions

East Siberian MD

Headquarters: Irkutsk or Yakutsk
Commander: Army Gen. Zakharov

Transbaikalian MD

Headquarters: Chita
Commander: Col. Gen. Korotev (March 1948)

-- 16-17 divisions

Far East MD

Headquarters: Khabarovsk
Commander: Gen. Porkaiyev**

-- 10-11 divisions

Maritime MD

Headquarters: Voroshilov
Commander: Col. Gen. Biryuzov

TOTAL: 128 to 141 divisions, not counting units stationed in the occupied areas of Europe.

2. Probable operational regroupment of forces:

Army of the West (European Russia)

Headquarters: probably Minsk
Commander: probably Marshal S. Timoshenko
Components:

| | | | |
|----------------|---------------|------------|--|
| Arkhangelsk MD | 1 division | 15,000 men |) Probably regrouped under the Northern Command |
| White Sea MD | 6-7 divisions | 75,000 men | |

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Northern Group of Forces (Baltic Sea)

Headquarters: probably Kaliningrad
 Leningrad MD 9-10 divisions 130,000 men) 18-20 divisions
 Baltic MD 9-10 divisions 135,000 men) 265,000 men

Central Group of Forces

Headquarters: Minsk
 Belorussian MD 8-9 divisions 120,000 men)
 Carpathian MD 8-9 divisions 120,000 men) 20-22 divisions
 Troops in Austria, Hungary,) 305,000 men
 Czechoslovakia 4 divisions 65,000 men)
 (including one AAA division)

Southern Group of Forces

Headquarters: Odessa
 Odessa MD 6 divisions 85,000 men)
 Tauric MD 2 divisions 25,000 men) 20-21 divisions
 Kiev MD 9-10 divisions 130,000 men) 270,000 men
 Troops in Rumania 3 divisions 40,000 men)
 (including one AAA division)
 Elements in Albania & Bulgaria

Group of Occupation Forces in Germany and Poland

Headquarters: probably Leczyca (north of Lodz)
 Commander: Marshal Rokossovski
 Troops in Germany 26 divisions 350,000 men)
 (including 2 artillery and 1 AAA divisions)) 29-32 divisions
 Troops in Poland 3-6 divisions 60,000 men) 410,000 men

Moscow MD (probably reserve for Army of the West)
 8-9 divisions 120,000 men

Army of the Middle East

Commander: Marshal Tolbukhin***
 Transcaucasus MD 17-18 divisions 300,000 men)
 North Caucasus MD 4-5 divisions 70,000 men) 25-28 divisions
 Turkestan MD 4-5 divisions 70,000 men) 440,000 men

Army of the East and the Far East

Headquarters: Chita
 Commander: Marshal Malinovski
 West Siberian MD 3 divisions 40,000 men)
 East Siberian MD) 16-17 divisions 260,000 men) 29-31 divisions
 Transbaikal MD)
 Far East-Amur MD) 10-11 divisions 150,000 men) 450,000 men
 Maritime MD)

General reserve

Headquarters: Chkalov
 Commander: Marshal Zhukov
 Volga MD 4-5 divisions)
 Ural MD 2 divisions) 8-9 divisions
 South Ural MD 2 divisions) 120,000 men

TOTAL:**** Men 2,470,000
 Divisions (exclusive
 of artillery and AAA) 157-173

Composed of approximately:
 Infantry divisions 40-65
 Motorized infantry divisions 50
 Mechanized divisions 30
 Armored divisions 30
 Cavalry divisions 7-8

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3. Estimate of forces located outside the USSR:

| Country | Men | Motor. Inf Div | Mech Div | Armored Div | Arty Div | AAA Div |
|------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|------------|
| Germany | 350,000 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 2 @ | 2 @ |
| Austria-Hungary | 65,000 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 1 |
| Rumania | 40,000 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 |
| Poland | 60,000 | 1-2 | 1-2 | 1-2 | - | - |
| Czechoslovakia) | | | | | | |
| Bulgaria)-- | 9,000 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Albania) | | | | | | |
| | 524,000 | 6-7 | 14-15 | 10-11 | 2 | 4 |
| | | 30-33 | | | | |

@Inferred on the basis of the supposition that six armies would normally carry a total of six artillery divisions.

4. Chief of the Political Administration of the Armed Forces:

Col. Gen. F. F. Kuznetsov - Chief of the Main Administration
 Lt. Gen. S. S. Shatilov - Vice Chief
 Vice Adm. A. A. Nikolaiyev*** - Vice Chief
 Lt. Gen. V. E. Makarov - Vice Chief
 Lt. Gen. M. M. Pronin - Vice Chief

Political Administration of Land Forces

Lt. Gen. S. F. Galatsev - Chief of the Political Administration
 Maj. Gen. V. V. Danilov - Vice Chief

Political Administration of Naval Forces

Maj. Gen. A. A. Muraviyev - Chief
 Vice Adm. N. M. Kulakov - Vice Chief

Political Administration of Air Forces

Lt. Gen. Lukashin - Chief
 Lt. Gen. V. Ya. Klovov - Vice Chief

Comments:

*Although not previously reported, this assignment of Kurasov seems possible. Kurasov, former Soviet High Commissioner in Austria, returned to Moscow for reassignment in May 1949. In June 1949, Army Gen. Antonov signed an article as acting commander of troops in the Transcaucasus MD, indicating the illness or incapacity of Tolbukhin, former CO of the Transcaucasus MD who died recently.

**Reportedly replaced in June 1948.

***Died since date of information of this report.

****As received. The figures in the breakdown total 157 - 183 divisions while the divisions listed in paras. 1 and 3 total 164 - 180. The figures in para. 2 total 2,350,000 men and 156 - 171 divisions.

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